bav« taken part in the election campaign in Nep«l. Afghan Nationals in Orissa

2198. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Afghan and Iranian citizens living in Nawarangpur District of Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of those people ;

(c) whether they have been living without visa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to evict them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) According to the information made available by the Government of Orissa, there are only Afghan famiiies living in Nawarangpur District of Orissa an there is no Iranian national in that District. Six Afghan nationals are staying on expired visas and extension of their stay permits is still pending for consideration. They are pre-1954 entrants.

Indira—Mujib Agreement

2199. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the salient features of Indira—Mujib Agreement of 1972 for lasting peace between India and Bangladesh ;

(b) whether there was any agreement on provisional settlement of Chakma and Hazing refugees in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L BHATIA): (a) The salient features of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Peace between India and Bangladesh of March 19, 1972, popularly known as the Indira—Mujib Agreement are promotion of lasting peace and friendship. reaffirmation of faith in non-alignment and peaceful co-existence, determination to maintain regular contact on matters of mutual interest and development of cooperation in the economic, scientific, technical and cultural fields.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

विदेशों के साथ राजनयिक संबंध

2200. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1994 के दौरान किन-किन देशों के साथ व्यापार संबंधी और द्वि-पक्षीय समझौते किये गये हैं;

(ख) वर्ष 1994 के दौरान किन-किन देशों के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित किये गए हैं;

(ग) किन-किन देशों से आयात-निर्यात के प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं तथा विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई है ; और

(घ) सरकार किन-किन देशों के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(ख) वर्ष 1994 के दौरान जिन देशों के साथ राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित किए गए वे हैं; प्रिंसीपैलिटी ऑफ एन्डोरा, होन्डुरास, क्रोशिया और बोस्निया-हर्जेगोविना ।

(ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(घ) जिन देशों के साथ सरकार का राजनयिक संबंध स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है वे हैं; माइक्रोनेशिया के संघीय राज्य और डोमिनिकन गणराज्य ।

European Union's Document on Kashmir

2201. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether European union lists Kashmir among the three regional districts in its draft document "Towards a New Asia" strategy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and th* reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) A working paper entitled "Towards a New Asia Strategy" prepared by the European Commission in Ju!y, 1994 contains an observation that the European Union should seek to make a positive contribution to regional security dialogues in Ash. In this context, a reference is made in the paper to regional disputes in Korea, Spratly and Kashmir. The paper represents the views of the European Commission only. Government have drawn the attention of the German Presidency that any reference to Kashmir as a "regional dispute" can only serve to encourage Pakistan to seek iiiternationalisation of the Kashmir issue which would not be in line with the stated consensus position of the European Union